

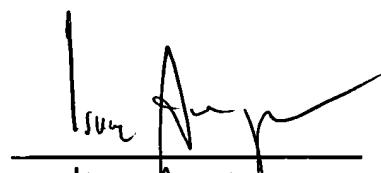
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Applicant is respectfully requesting expedited examination of the present application in view of the fact that the examiner is thoroughly familiar with the subject matter and has already allowed the currently pending claims in serial Nos. 10/644,784. The newly presented claims are further distinguishable and patentable over the prior art of record cited in the parent case.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 703-418-2777 if he feels that further discussion may facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues.

An early indication of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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